

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

10am

Livestream

We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us today! St. Michael's Episcopal Church, centered in Jesus Christ, is passionate about accepting the invitation to grow in God through love and acceptance. It is our desire to share God's love in action with works of grace and service. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people.

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Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE He Shall Feed His Flock / Come Unto Him (from *Messiah*)
by Handel *Connie Weichert & Kailey Diggs, sopranos*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 7.*)

Celebrant Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Gracious God, pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ. **Amen.**

Leader Today we add the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

The four candles are lit: for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Let us pray, God, you are always more merciful than just. Help us receive your mercy and be grateful for all the grace that touches our lives. Help us be more like you, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love. Let us reflect your love to those around us, giving comfort, joy, and love to all we encounter. Help us love you, love our neighbors, love ourselves, and love our enemies. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFSSION *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Gracious God,
we praise you for accepting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
who is our savior and redeemer. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE The Trisagion (*Music can be found on page 8.*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

O shepherding God, **guide the hearts and minds of our Search Committee as we seek to discern the role of Rector for St. Michael's Church. By your light, draw to us those with vision and passion for St. Michael's future. Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor, a dynamic preacher of your Gospel, to shepherd us as your flock, strengthen our ministries, and work with us in building up your kingdom. Amen.**

THE LESSONS & PSALM *Please be seated.*

A reading from Micah (5:2-5a)

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* responsively by half verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#65 Prepare the way, O Zion (*All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Luke (1:39-55)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Mike Ferrito

THE NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary, may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world and we pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse our clergy, and especially for those whose very faith endangers their lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to violence, oppression, and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, may we be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, rooting out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your own spirits: May our hearts be magnified and made much bigger than we think possible. May this season of Advent stir in us such faith that we exert ourselves to be your light in a darkened world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this community: May we be enriched by welcoming the stranger and be drawn to a bright future in service to you, while also remembering and honoring those in the past who guided us into faith. We especially pray for Mary, our head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students at St. Michael's Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and suffering. May they find healing and peace. Especially we pray for **Kate, Holly, Jane, Frances, Aleta, Lennie, David, Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Bobbi, Mike, Sandy, Robert, Sherry, Michael, Sarah, Tina, Jennifer, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the dead and those on the threshold of death. May they and we be welcomed into the place of glory our Lord has prepared for us, we pray especially for the repose of the soul of Jay Glad. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else and whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident in your promise to be with us always. Guide us in wisdom and faith; that we might live into the life created for us, trusting in your will. All this we ask through your Son, our redeemer, Jesus, who is your Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our lives and labor to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Magnificat by Robert Young

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#57 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 10.*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II) (*Please join us, music can be found on page 11.*)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION

Lamb of God by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II) (*Please join us, music can be found on page 12.*)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *

Celebrant For those who cannot be here physically to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ let us invite the Lord Jesus through this prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM O Come, O Come Emmanuel, arr. Robert Young

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us separated from you but engaged with you in your service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God's blessing be with you in the darkness and in the light, while you are awake and while you are sleeping, in your joys and in your sorrows—In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#66 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (*Please join us, music can be found on page 13.*)

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Comfort Ye / Every Valley (from *Messiah*) by Handel

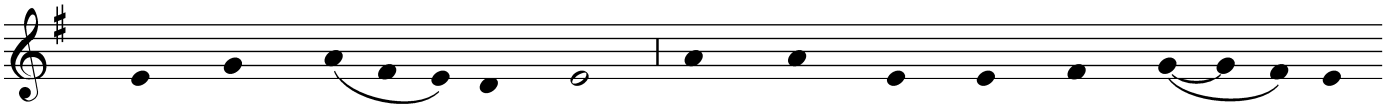
Jonathan Saatman, tenor

**Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



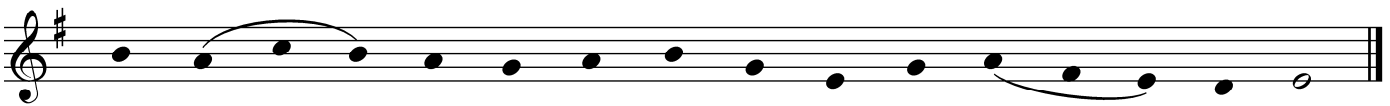
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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TRISAGION

Andante con moto (♩ = 72)

(SOPRANOS and ALTOS)

mp

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal

mp legato

Fed.

5

(ALL VOICES)

(TENORS and BASSES)

mf

One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

10

(ALL VOICES)

f

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

15

rall. dim. *mp*

Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

dim. *mp*

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#65 Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



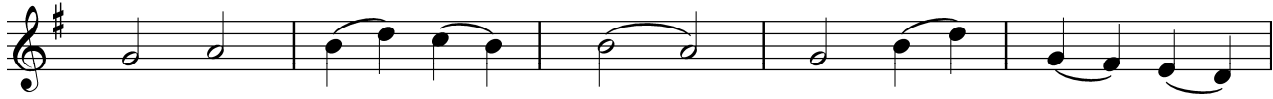
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#57 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II)

In flowing time ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 80$) (SOPRANOS and ALTOS)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Sw. *mp* legato

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

5 (ALL VOICES) (TENORS and BASSES)

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full

(Ped.) (senza Ped. ad lib.)

10 (ALL VOICES) (SOPRANOS and ALTOS)

of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is

(Ped.) (Ped. sempre)

15 (ALL VOICES)

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

FRACTION Lamb of God by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II)

Quiet and flowing (♩ = c. 60)

(SOPRANOS and ALTOS) *p dolce e legato*

(ALL VOICES) *p*

5

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world: have

Man. Ped.

(TENORS and BASSES)

mp

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the

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(ALL VOICES)

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(ALL VOICES)

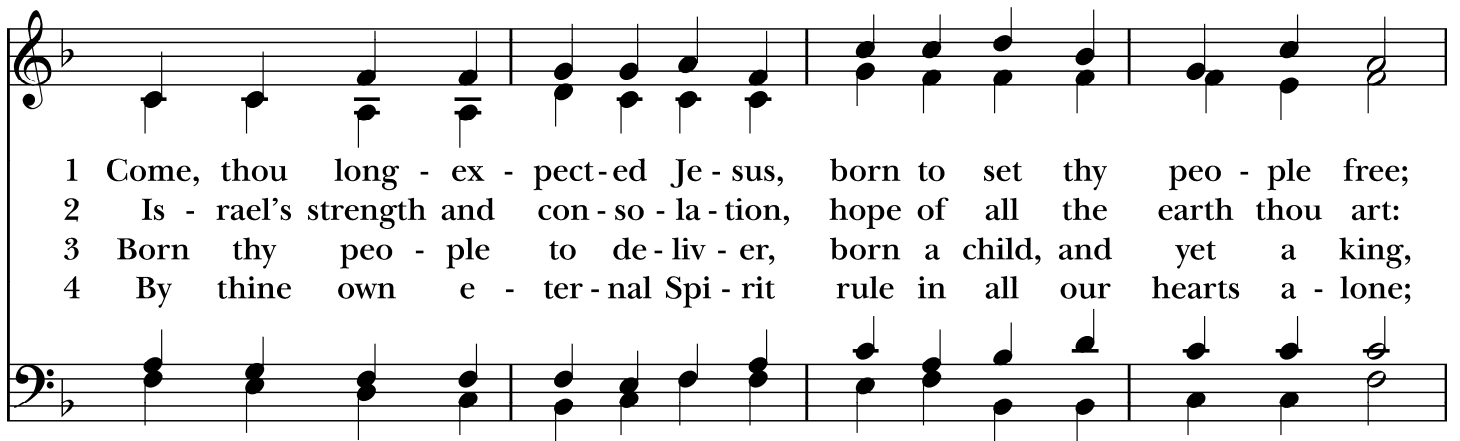
mp cresc.

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

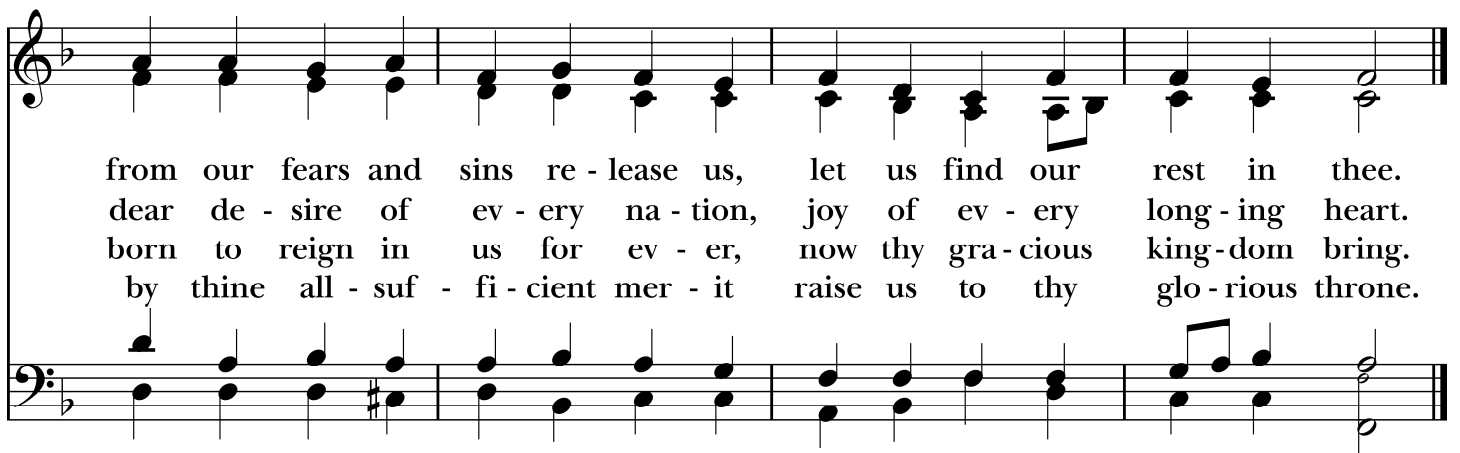
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sins_ of the world: grant us peace.

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal—#66 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Announcements

Worship

10am Sunday Morning Worship Eucharist & Choir
Nursery & Godly Play opens at 9:30am

5pm Sunday Contemplative Service on Zoom

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Postponed Celebration of Life Service

The Celebration of life service for Jay Glad will be rescheduled to a later date in early 2025.

Upcoming Events & Services

Christmas Eve Family Service

With Christmas Pageant—Tues., December 24 at 5pm
In-person & Livestreamed. A fun service for all ages.

Christmas Eve Choral Service

with Festival of Christmas Music

Tues., December 24 at 9pm

In-Person & Livestreamed. Our wonderful Chancel Choir begins the evening at 8:30pm with a Festival of Christmas Music before the 9pm service.

Christmas Morning Service

Wednesday, December 25th at 10am

In-Person & Livestreamed.

Church Office Closed December 25th - January 5th

The Church Office will be Closed December 25th through January 5th in observance of Christmas and New Years. Clergy will still be available for Pastoral Emergencies. Please leave a voice message at 916-488-3550 or email st.michaels@stmichaelscarmichael.org, staff will continue to check voice messages and emails.

Epiphany Evensong Service & Potluck Dinner Sunday January 5, 2025

This year we will be celebrating Epiphany at a 5pm sundown service of Evensong on Sunday January 5, 2025. The service will be filled with choral music, psalms and canticles. We will gather for an Epiphany potluck dinner complete with a kings cake immediately following the service. Please contact the office or Renée Pierce if you would like to assist with the reception and bring a dish!

Transitions

Sunday February 2, 2025

St. Michael's annual meeting will be immediately following the 10am service with a lunch. During the meeting we will vote for Vestry Members & Diocesan Delegates, take a look at 2024 and look to the future.

2025 Vestry & Diocesan Delegates

If you feel called to serve on the St. Michael's Vestry or as a Diocesan Delegate, please contact the Church Office (916) 488-3550 for a copy of the application. Applications are due January 19, 2025.

St. Michael's Learns & Connects

Journeying the Way of Love

Please join us after 10am service in the Friendship Center as we continue to dive into Michael Curry's Advent study Journeying the Way of Love. All are invited to participate even if you miss a Sunday.

Living Compass - Living Well Through Advent

The weekly discussion group on Zoom is offered on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30 through Dec. 22.

St. Michael's Recommended Reading

St. Michael's clergy also recommends Marilyn McEntyre's latest book *Midwinter Light: Meditations for the Long Season*.

St. Michael's Continuing Studies

Sacred Circle Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm via zoom. For more information please contact Kate Muris.

Thursday Open Bible Study meets every Thursday in the Friendship Center (and on Zoom) at 10am - 11:30am. We study the scriptures for the following Sunday. For more Bible Study information, please email Chris Chamness at chrischamness@hotmail.com.

St. Michael's Serves in the Community

Habitat for Humanity: Build for Unity

Seeking Build for Unity Volunteers! Build for Unity is a Habitat for Humanity program where multi-faith communities come together to build houses for low-income families. St. Michaels was one of the original faith groups that started this amazing program (in 2016). Our three scheduled workdays are

- Saturday, February 1
- Friday & Saturday February 7 & 8

There are sign-up sheets located on the board in Johnstone Hall. We have 10 spots open each day. Please feel free to invite your friends and family to join us in this wonderful program. If you have questions, please connect with Terry Bridges.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed - Winter Respite
Mondays, January 6th & 13th—Carmichael
Presbyterian

Our volunteer needs are:

- Kitchen volunteers preparing breakfast & bagged lunches—3 - 5 needed from 7:30-10:30 AM
- Greeters & Showers Attendants: Set up tables and cots; Welcome guests, make shower reservations, supervise showers, hygiene kits, and towels. Shift 2 will clean up and close.
- Shift 1: 4 volunteers needed from 8:30-11 AM
- Shift 2: 4 volunteers needed from 10:30-1 PM

A signup sheet will be posted near the coffee table at Coffee Hour on Sunday's. Please contact Cindy Dewey with questions.

2024 Mercy & Social Justice Grants

Congratulations to the nominators and recipients. Through these grants, St. Michael's shows that we love our neighbors and respect the dignity of every human being.

- **Starr King Staff Luncheon**
- **Arden Arcade Hart**
- **International Rescue Committee**
- **PANC Exhibitor**
- **Parkinson's Arden Arcade Support**
- **River City Food Bank**
- **Starr King Office Supplies & Student Rewards**

The Church Office will be Closed December 25th through January 5th in observance of Christmas and New Years.

Clergy will still be available for Pastoral Emergencies. Please leave a voice message at 916-488-3550 or email st.michaels@stmichaelscarmichael.org, staff will continue to check messages and emails.

Rev. Andy can be reached at
revandy@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website.

Serving Today

The Rev. Andy Lobban Celebrant
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Preaching
The Rev. Rodney Davis Deacon
Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting
Jan Bowdler, Ann Hall & Mary Ellen Ferguson Altar Guild
Allison Flower-Arledge Flowers
Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot Acolyte
Sue Davis, Jan West & Lee Robbins Readers
Holly Yue, Mary Ellen Ferguson & Renée Pierce Eucharistic Ministers
Jay Bowdler & Molly Hoever Ushers
Sue Corbin Greeter
St. Michael's Chancel Choir
John Cozza Music Director
Connie Weichert & Virginia Henry Coffee Hour Hosts

The Flowers are given in loving memory of
Claudine and Dean Naven, Beverly and Donald Murray and Jeri Naven McGinnis
by Tammy & Todd Murray



Sunday December 22—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Godly Play & Nursery 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Journeying the Way of Love 11:45am
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom
Living Well Through Advent 6:30pm Zoom

Monday December 23

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Tuesday December 24—Christmas Eve

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm
Festival of Christmas Carols 8:30pm
Christmas Eve Choral Service 9pm

Wednesday December 25—Merry Christmas! Office Closed

Christmas Morning Service 10am

Thursday December 26—Office Closed

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Friday December 27—Office Closed

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Sunday December 29—The First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Godly Play & Nursery 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday January 5, 2025 Epiphany Evensong Service & Potluck

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
The Rev. Andy Lobban Interim Rector
Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falcu Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
John Quené Treasurer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
**Diane Gilmore, Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Sr. Tina
Francesca Ferriot, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin,
Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson** Office
Volunteers

VESTRY

Rick Larkey Senior Warden
Tammy Murray Junior Warden
Chris Chamness Clerk
Sue Davis Member
Doug Davy Member
Greg Dewey Member
Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
Suzanne Phinney Member
Renée Pierce Member
Jane Samuelson Member
Dawn Wright Member
Constance Weichert Music Director Emeritus